

**FIRE SWEEPS
\$600,000 AWAY****Great Damage at Johnston,
Pa., Today****ONE FIREMAN WAS HURT****Three Large Structures in Heart of City
Wiped Out—Large Fire at Auburn,
N. Y., Shortly Before
Midnight.**

Johnstown, Pa., March 28.—Three large business blocks were destroyed by fire this morning and several others were damaged, entailing a loss of \$600,000. The flames were not under control until 8 o'clock. The buildings destroyed are those of the Swank Hardware company, P. S. Fisher, wholesale liquor dealer, the Wild building, which housed the Johnstown Journal and other offices, and the handsome residence of L. A. Geis, a furniture dealer whose business buildings were slightly damaged.

BIG FIRE AT AUBURN, N. Y.**Damage of \$150,000 Last Night — Aid
From Outside.**

Auburn, N. Y., March 28.—A serious fire broke out in the Columbus and Temple court blocks last evening. The loss is \$150,000. The fire was under control at midnight. Aid was received from Syracuse. Chief Jewhurst of the fire department and three firemen were overcome by smoke.

BURNED TO DEATH.**Aged Lady of Ashbury Park, N. J., Killed
This Morning.**

Ashbury Park, N. J., March 28.—Elizabeth Darby, an aged lady artist, was burned to death this morning in a fire that destroyed her home here. The summer home of Dr. Arthur Dennett, adjoining was also burned.

Little Fire in Stove.

Stowe, March 28.—Fire was discovered about 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a bedroom over Lovejoy & Eddy's livery stable, but it was promptly extinguished. The fire caught from an overheated stove. The damage was small. A high wind was blowing and the location was the worst in town for a fire.

BURIED UNDER AVALANCHE.**Twenty-Six Killed in Austria Yesterday.**

Innsbruck, Austria, March 28.—Twenty-six persons were buried at Oberhuber-Hof, near Bozen, Tyrol, under an avalanche of rock yesterday. Twenty-three of the victims were rescued, but a woman and two children were killed.

**ATTACKED THE GUARD
AND FLED THE JAIL****But Ten of the Sixteen Fugitives Were
Recaptured Today—They Felled the
Guard With Blow on
Jaw.**

Rochester, N. Y., March 28.—Ten of the 16 prisoners, who escaped from the state industrial school last night were captured this morning. Frank Campbell, aged 19, crept up behind Guard Riley, and felled him with a blow on the jaw. Campbell, assisted by other prisoners, dragged Riley into a dormitory, and stole his keys and locked him in. A window was knocked out, and the prisoners escaped.

BOYCOTT KILLED HIM.**Unpopular Postmaster Worries Himself
to Death.**

Great Barrington, Mass., March 28.—Milton Roraback, who was on Jan. 1, through a political plot, appointed postmaster of Ashley Falls to succeed Henry C. Tallardy, who was ousted from office, died Monday of grief as the result of annoyances from the villagers since his appointment. Roraback's appointment made a large number of the villagers indignant, and as his salary depended entirely upon the cancellation of the stamps and the rental of boxes, they decided to mail their letters on the trains, to prevent Roraback from securing a commission.

A Base Ball Penalty.

Cincinnati, March 28.—The national base ball commission yesterday adopted new rules in regard to the "covering up" of players. Punishment for offenders was fixed as follows:

For the first offense of a major league club a fine of \$1,000; class A, \$250; class B, \$500; class C, \$350; class D, \$200.

A repetition of the offenses shall carry with it suspension from protection of the national agreement for a period of six months, players of clubs incurring this penalty being free from reservation until reinstatement takes place. The commission also decided that no national agreement player could assume the management of any national agreement club, even if only to direct play from the bench, without first securing release from the club having him under reservation.

WANTS INVESTIGATION.**Gov. Higgins of New York Declared for
It Last Night.**

Albany, N. Y., March 28.—Governor Higgins declared last night that he was still in favor of an investigation of the state banking department, and that if the assembly should fail to pass the measure providing for that investigation the responsibility would rest with that body.

"I believe that there should be an investigation of that department," said the governor. "Responsibility will rest with the assembly if it fails to act."

The governor referred to the Senate finance committee bill providing for an investigation by a special commission composed of former Chief Judges Parker and Andrews of the court of appeals.

FOUR MORE WARRANTS.**Issued in Connection With the Pittsburgh
Failure.**

Pittsburg, March 28.—In the face of denials by government officials, it was learned last night from an authoritative source that warrants have been issued for four other persons in connection with the lapse of the Enterprise National bank last October. These are in addition to the six persons now under arrest, and the sixth, former Paying Teller Thomas W. Harvey, who surrendered himself yesterday.

INDICTMENT UPHELD.**On Which Blondin Was Tried for
Murder.**

Boston, March 28.—Judge Lawton of the criminal bench of the superior court at East Cambridge yesterday declined to quash an indictment of the Middlesex county grand jury returned in 1902 against J. Wilfred Blondin for murder.

The court added that it was the prerogative of the district attorney to act in the matter.

Blondin, who is now serving a sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of his wife in Boston several years ago, was originally indicted by a Middlesex county grand jury when it was believed that the crime had been committed in Chelmsford, Mass., where his wife's body was found. Later, when it was learned that Blondin had killed his wife in Boston, an indictment was returned against him for the murder by the Suffolk county grand jury. Under this indictment the prisoner was tried and convicted.

The motion to have the original indictment nolle prossed was made by counsel for Blondin as the first step in proceedings seeking to secure a pardon for his client.

DEATH IN CHELSEA.**Mrs. J. A. R. Corwin Died This Morning
in 74th Year.**

Chelsea, March 28.—After a long and lingering illness with stomach trouble of a cancerous nature, Mrs. Fannie (Hatch) Corwin, wife of J. A. R. Corwin, passed away this morning at 3:40 o'clock in her 74th year.

Mrs. Corwin was the daughter of the late Harry Hatch and wife and was reared on the East hill, and has spent her life in town. By her genial disposition and kindness of heart she had endeared herself to her entire acquaintances. Besides the husband, Mrs. Corwin is survived by one sister, Miss Louise Hatch, who for many years has lived in the family; also four sons and two daughters, Charles R. Corwin, Harry L. of Lowell, Mass., Ernest A., who is the junior member of the firm of J. A. R. Corwin and Son; and Vinton A. Corwin of Boston, Mass.; Nellie, who has lived at home and Miss Flora M. of Boston. The children were all here when the end came. The funeral arrangements are not completed at this time.

U. S. COURTS ADJOURNED.**The Wilson-Clement Case to Be Ready
for May 1.**

Burlington, March 28.—The United States district and circuit courts took further adjournment yesterday to May 1 during the session here of Clarendon county court. The "Spotter" Wilson vs. P. W. Clement case will be ready then, also the Doctor Merrow case.

CHURCH GETS REQUEST.**Richford Catholic Church Enriched by
\$12,000.**

Richford, March 28.—By the will of Mrs. Joseph Premont, who died yesterday at the rectory of the All Saint's Catholic church here that church will receive \$12,000.

SIX MEN MURDERED**AT ST. PAUL, MINN.****Fight Took Place Last Night, the Men
Being Cut to Pieces — There
Is No Trace of the
Murderers.**

St. Paul, March 28.—Six Italians were murdered in a Minneapolis fight at night on Tenth avenue, south. Eight men ran from the building and the police thought the fight was over. This morning someone entered the room of the hotel and found four bodies cut to pieces with knives. In the basement two more bodies were found. There is no trace of the murderers.

BODY BURNED TO CRISP.**Aged Jersey City Woman Fell With
Lighted Lamp.**

Jersey City, N. J., March 28.—Carrying a lighted kerosene lamp, Mrs. Amelia Reiken, aged 75, early today began the inspection of her millinery shop on Central avenue. She slipped and fell, setting fire to her clothing and the shop. Her body was burned to a crisp. The building was gutted.

PROMINENT ACTOR DEAD.**William H. MacDonald, One of Original
"Bostonians" Company.**

Springfield, Mass., March 28.—Wm. H. MacDonald, a well-known actor, and one of the founders of the original "Bostonians" company, died here last night of pneumonia.

**FOUND \$2,740
IN OLD HUT****Residence of Hermit Gives
Up a Small Fortune.****\$600 WAS IN GOLD COIN****House of Royce Smith at Green's Corner
Near Swanton Was Searched
Yesterday With This
Result.**

St. Albans, March 28.—Albert Johnson, guardian for Royce Smith, an eccentric hermit living at Green's Corner, in Swanton, visited the latter's hut yesterday and found \$2,740 secreted in the house. Some of the amount was in checks, notes and mortgages, and \$600 in gold.

THREW WOMAN DOWN.**Mrs. Frank Gokey of St. Albans Screamed—Assault Ran.**

St. Albans, March 28.—Mrs. Frank Gokey of England street was assaulted by an unknown man while walking on North Main street, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock Monday evening. While in front of J. W. Ryan's residence the assailant came up behind her and seizing her, threw her to the ground and began choking her. It is thought that robbery was the motive, as she carried her purse in her hand. As he released her, she screamed. Mrs. Ryan heard the cry and threw up the chamber window and looked out. This frightened the assailant so that he fled through the backyard of the Ryan grounds, slipping badly as he ran. There is no clue to the identity of the man. Mrs. Gokey was injured as she was thrown, though not seriously, and she was very badly frightened.

COUNTY ROAD MEETING.**Commissioner Gates Addresses Addition
County Road Builders.**

Middlebury, March 28.—State Highway Commissioner Charles W. Gates of Franklin was here yesterday afternoon and met an assemblage of about 25 of the road commissioners and selectmen of the different towns of Addison county. The meeting was held in the opera house with Mr. Gates in charge. Various matters connected with effective and permanent as well as economical road building were discussed in an informal manner and Mr. Gates was called upon to answer numerous questions. All present showed a lively interest in the subject of the road building.

GETS ADDED APPROPRIATION.**Does the State Experiment Station at
Burlington.**

Burlington, March 28.—Experiment stations have proved to be of such benefit throughout the country that an increased appropriation has been made at Washington and the station in this city at College will receive benefits from this appropriation as do all other stations. For many years this station has received \$15,000 per year. The appropriation this year will be \$20,000 and this amount will be increased yearly until five years from now the appropriation will be \$30,000. From that time on the appropriation will increase at a ratio fixed by the law.

FRESHMEN WON MEET.**Youngsters at University of Vermont
Show Up Well.**

Burlington, March 28.—In the annual indoor athletic meet held in the University of Vermont gymnasium last evening before a large number of people, the freshmen made 36½ points, scored in every event, and won by 18½ points over their nearest competitor, the senior class. The sophomores ranked third with 14½ points and the juniors last, with 12.

TAUGHT 94 TERMS.**St. Johnsbury School Teacher to Close
Her Duties.**

St. Johnsbury, March 28.—Several of the public school teachers have resigned at the close of the winter term. Miss Lucy M. Sinclair is one of them and concludes a continuous service of 94 terms in the St. Johnsbury schools. This is undoubtedly one of the longest records in the state, and during the term of service Miss Sinclair has taught two generations of pupils.

TRICHINA POISONING.**Second Victim in a Bristol Family Yesterday.**

Bristol, March 28.—Edward Sprague died at his home on Bristol Flat yesterday. The funeral will be held from the house Thursday afternoon at one o'clock. Mr. Sprague is the second of the family to die of trichina poisoning. Martha, a little daughter, very low, with little or no chance for recovery.

DEATH OF DR. A. G. BRUSH.**Funeral of Fairfax Physician to Be Held
Thursday Afternoon.**

Fairfax, March 28.—The funeral services of Dr. Alonzo G. Brush, who died Monday, will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock under the auspices of Lamoille Lodge, No. 6, F. & A. M. Doctor Brush was 57 years old.

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WILLIAMSTOWN'S HOPE.**That Cross Brothers of Northfield Will
Build Granite Plant.**

The Williamstown correspondent of the Montpelier Journal presents the following hope of Williamstown:

"The Cross Brothers of Northfield, well known granite manufacturers, have an option on the remarkable property in our town, formerly known as the Wells & Lamson granite quarry, and now the property, the subject of James K. Rice. This option, we hear, extends to the first of May next. Such is the great value of the dark stock in this quarry, and such is the condition in general of things pertaining to it, that a large sum of money will doubtless be realized from it, if sold. One 'guesser' doesn't stop at less than \$125,000 as the price. And now if the trade shall be consummated our town will think that about the best piece of good fortune that could come to it in a business way, would be the establishment of a large stone shed here in our village by these Cross Brothers. Can it, and will it, be brought about? There's the rub."

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ATHENA ANNUAL BANQUET.**Held Last Evening at Parlor of Universalist Church.**

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PREPARED FOR THE PARTY.**Those Who Are to Be Hosts and Hostesses at I. M. M. A. Affair.**

For the I. M. M. A. children's birthday party, to be held in Seapoint hall Friday evening, March 30, the arrangements are as follows: For all the children under 12 years the party will be from 5 to 8 o'clock, and they are requested to be at the hall at 5 o'clock sharp; their programme will be given at 7 o'clock; the older children's party will be from 8 to 11 o'clock. The names of the children who do the honors are: Hortense and Olive Knight, Max Holden, Francis Abern, Glee Wood, Flossie Merchant, Redfield Hoar, John McHugh, Neal Cheney, Flossie Gay, Ed Place, Maggie Section, Lawrence Campbell, Francis Marion, Clarence Burke, Harold Fitts, Catherine Miles, Mary Quinlen, Alidia Talney, Eva Smith, Paul Gordon, Linda Veal, Lewis Hoar, Esther Burnham, Mordena Smith, Martha Smith, Jeannette Purr, Lloyd McNeil, Marjorie Worcester, Freda Hooker, Eva Smith and Gladys Gravelin.

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**FERRETING
MULLEN CASE****State's Attorney is Looking
For Evidence.****MULLEN IN BURLINGTON****Is Well Known There—What Mullen
Told Batchelder's Brothers on Day
of Young Man's Death—Various
Rumors About Today.**

State's Attorney Jackson stated today that no report from the state laboratory at Burlington on the examination of the stomach and intestines of Fred Batchelder, who died mysteriously on March 16, had been received, beyond the fact that arsenic had been found in the stomach. The official report will probably be sent from the laboratory in time for the preliminary hearing which will be given Ray Mullen, the nurse who is charged with murder in connection with the case, in city court Saturday of this week. The prosecution is busy looking up evidence in addition to that which was secured before the arrest of the young man Monday night. Attorney M. M. Gordon, who will defend the young man, visited Mullen in the county jail at Montpelier today.

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